Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* These are the plain facts. Due to war conditions prices might have risen by one or two rupees. Granting that it is Rs. 10: considering the price of the animal which may be Rs. 100 or Rs. 200 can you not spend that amount?

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* If one man has got one animal to be inoculated, has he to pay for 20 inoculations?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* In such cases generally the Department will supply. There was no such instance at all. At any rate I have not got any complaint as yet that the Veterinary Surgeon refused to inoculate these animals because he refused to pay the expenses. If there is any particular case I would request the Hon'ble Members to bring it to my notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Just a word more. Even now it is not plain whether any farmer refused when the Government offered to inoculate the animal free without the prospect of recovery of the price afterwards.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have explained that.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Later on you will recover the cost.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are not insisting upon it now. If the intention is to have it done free even for the rich agriculturists, the Government is not prepared to do it.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* What I think is in the case of epidemics these things will have to be done freely so that the general public will get the benefit of it. What I say is when there is an epidemic or even in anticipation of it this inoculation will have to be done free. That is the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Agriculture. Preventive measures will have to be done free without making any distinction between the rich and the poor. If that distinction is made the object of the Government is frustrated. For the rest I can only sympathise with the position of the Government. They have themselves shown their complete helplessness in the matter. They say in other countries also nothing substantial is done. So here also we can expect only certain fruitlessness. A note of helplessness prevails in this matter. I hope they will try different systems. If there is anything valuable in the Ayurvedic system that also may be examined and the Governmet may see whether some effective remedies could be had. As far as this technical recognition and such things are concerned whatever sucessfully cures is a successful system. Whether they have a qualification from a foreign country is not much relevant to the purpose. Of course, one successful instance will not be sufficient. The Government will do well to go into that question whether in the Ayurvedic system or any other system some more efficacious methods might be found which would be effectively controlling the cattle disease and the poultry diseases. With these few remarks I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand put and carried

8. Rs. 16,000 under 25—A—2—Rural Sanitation—Prevention of epidemics

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 16,000 under "25—A—2—Rural Sanitation—Prevention of epidemics". The sanctioned allotment under "Prevention of epidemics" in the Public Health Budget for the current year is Rs. 3,000. There remains only a balance of Rs. 2,000 out of this allotment to meet the expenditure connected with the plague epidemic at Trichur, the plague observation measures at Edacochin and Erattukulam (Chittur) and the Small-pox preventive measure in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. This amount is not sufficient to meet the expenditure. An additional allotment of Rs. 16,000 is necessary for the expenditure referred to. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Sir, I beg to move that the amount of Rs. 16,000 be reduced by Re. 1. The purpose is *to bring to the notice of the Government the insanitary condition of the public tank and bath-room at Mala, which threatens to prove a fruitful source of epidemic.* They say prevention is better than cure and there are very many methods of preventing an epidemic and the most effective method is to remove the very source from which the contagion comes. This tank I had the opportunity of seeing. The Diwan President had an occasion for having a look at it. He himself was pleased to say that it is good only for washing animals

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and not for the bathing of human beings. It is in such a bad condition that the tank is kept. At the same time originally it would seem that there was an idea of human beings also using that tank for bathing purposes. In its present condition it is not fit for the bathing of human beings because all these bullocks and buffaloes are being washed in the tank and there is no outlet for the water. The water is stagnant and the water begins to produce germs and I am afraid that tank may be a fruitful source of spreading various kinds of epidemics such as small-pox and cholera. I am not an expert in the line.

Then there are the bath-rooms close to the tank and there is a well, a well without water. Therefore, the bath-rooms are utilised as latrines and therefore they have become a source of public nuisance. The other day when the Diwan was at Mala the people of the place presented him with an address wherein these grievances have been brought to his notice. I am sorry the Diwan President is not here to bear testimony to these things. So I place these facts before the Government so that out of the allotment that is granted for the prevention of epidemics under Rural Sanitation something may be utilised to supply the people of this place with a tank which would be good enough for the bathing of human being and also bath-rooms with a well which would contain some water so that the bath rooms may not be utilised as latrines. With these few words I place the motion before the House.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): First of all the tank which the Hon'ble Member mentioned is not used for bathing purposes. That is utilised for bathing these animals alone. There is a pump and a well close by. Two bath-rooms are there,

Mr. T. A. Ramachadra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is there water in the well?

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachadra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): There is no water.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): I cannot contradict that statement. I had not any information on that point. The only complaint that I received about it is that the pump is going out of order oftentimes and that bath-room is used as latrine. But the local panchayat is against the shifting of that. They want it there. They say that the whole complaint is being engineered by the neighbour of this latrine site. They say that this thing is located just in front of his house and he wants to see that it is removed. I am helpless in the matter. About the using of these bath-rooms as latrines and other things. It is for the Panchayat to see that it is kept neat and tidy and the report is that there is a Thotti attending to the cleaning every day. The pump has been repaired very recently.

Mr. Joseph Pettah (*Adur*): Then the position is that the pump is now working regularly?

Mr. T. K. Nair (*Minister of Rural Development*): It was repaired. Whether at this particular moment it is in order or not I have not got any information.

Mr. Joseph Pettah (*Adur*): When there is water in the well the pump is out of order and when the pump works there is no water in the well. I saw the place a week ago. I can say that the whole place is used as a latrine, and it was kept quite unclean on that particular day. I only wanted to bring this state of affairs to the notice of the Government. I am sure it is not a question for any long discussion. I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Cut motion, by leave, with drawn

Demand put and carried

9. Rs. 8,050 under 25-A-2. Rural Sanitation—Anti-malarial operations

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 8,050 under "25-A-2-Rural Sanitation—Anti-malarial operations". The Provision in the Public Health Budget of 1120 under the head is only Rs. 3,823. Out of this certain unforeseen charges had to be met. A donation of Rs. 1,000 was given to the Ross Institute, Calcutta, for the expert advice and guidance the Government have received at their hands in the furtherance of the scheme of anti-malarial measures. Furniture had to be supplied to the Office of the Malariologist. There is now only a balance of Rs. 1,236 in the allotment. An amount of Rs. 9,282—8—0 would be required for the Anti-malarial operations in Nelliampathies. An additional allotment of Rs. 8,050 is therefore necessary. I request the House to vote for the same.

Demand put and carried

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